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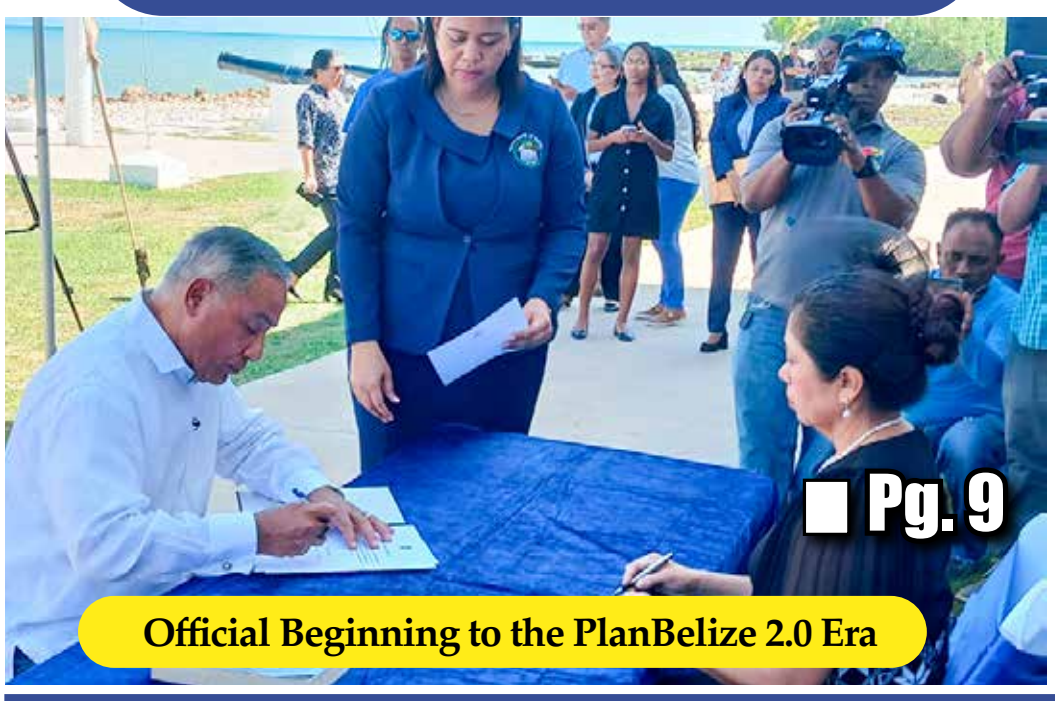

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By 8:00pm on March 12, 2025, the unofficial numbers from the counting stations had begun to circulate, and by 10:00pm Belizeans knew for sure that the People's United Party had secured another massive victory at the polls. At the end of counting, the People's United Party had secured 26 seats in the House of Representatives, to the UDP's 5. In a stunning upset, the PUP's Devin Daly was able to defeat the UDP's Patrick Faber in Collet, a UDP stronghold for decades.

The PUP's candidates delivered rout after rout, with bigger numbers than seen in November 2020, receiving 67.9% of all votes cast. In Orange Walk Central, Hon. John Briceño received 78% of the votes, 3416. He defeated both candidates put forward by the UDP.

In Cayo South, Julius Espat received 88.5% of all votes, with 4,476. He defeated both candidates put forward by the UDP. In Lake Independence, Cordel Hyde received 97.7% of the votes cast, 4806. None of the UDP candidates that contested that division got over 100 votes. In Caribbean Shores, the PUP's Kareem Musa got 82% of votes cast, 2025, defeating two UDP candidates. In Freetown, Francis Fonseca got 90.9% of votes, 2164. In Corozal Bay, Thea Garcia received 66% of the votes, 3122, defeating an independent candidate and a UDP candidate. In Belize Rural Central, Dolores Balderamos Garcia got 64.5% of votes, 2895, defeating four other candidates. In Port Loyola, Gilroy Usher received 65.8% of votes, 1577, defeating four other candidates. In Belmopan, the PUP's Oscar Mira received 66.6% of the votes cast, 4009, easily defeating two candidates, one of them the UDP's chief strategist, John Saldivar.

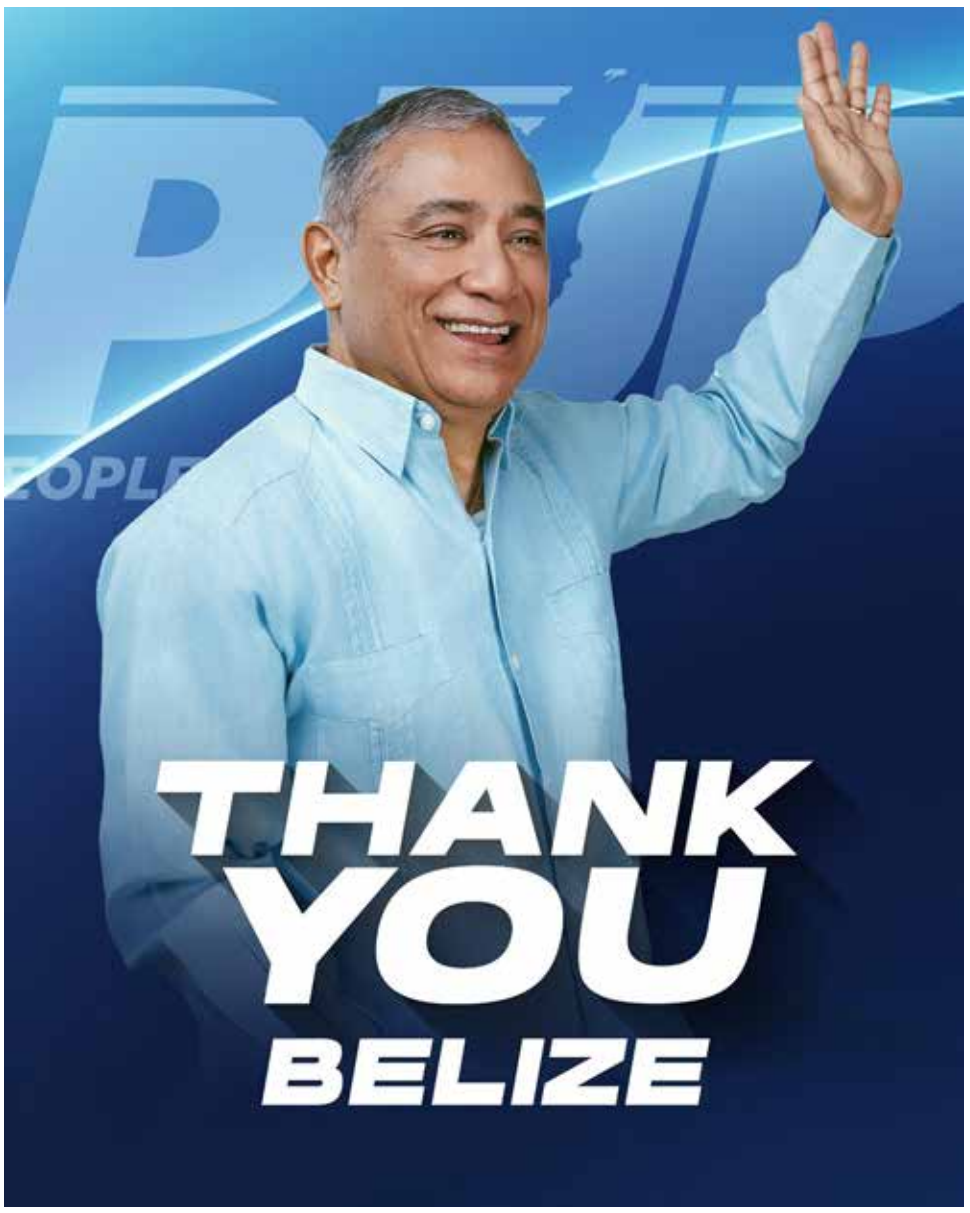
Two areas political observers had considered to be battlegrounds, Cayo Central and Cayo North, were won by PUP candidates Alex Balona and Michel Chebat respectively, proving that the 'red hills of Cayo' are a thing of the past.

Easily one of the most notable upsets in electoral history, PUP newcomer Devin Daly defeated the UDP's Patrick Faber in Collet, securing 53% of the votes cast, 1271. Another notable upset was the trouncing of UDP leader Shyne Barrow in Mesopotamia. He was sent home early, as another UDP candidate, Lee Mark Chang, secured victory.

The United Democratic Party secured only 5 of 31 seats on March 12th – Albert, Mesopotamia, Queen's Square, Cayo West and Corozal North.

While the victory signals the clear support of the Belizean people for the People's United Party, the fate of the United Democratic Party remains uncertain. Observers say that by the people taking out the garbage (Shyne Barrow, Patrick Faber, John Saldivar, etc) the path is now open for the UDP to rebuild. That remains to be seen, as even though he was beaten badly in Mesopotamia, Shyne Barrow continues to maintain that he is the owner of the real UDP, and Tracy Panton is not a member of the UDP.

PUP leader and Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño was sworn in by Governor General Dame Froyla Tzalam at the Government House in Belize City on Thursday. It is expected that his team will be sworn in early next week.



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EDITORIAL

THANK YOU

On March 12, 2025, the People's United Party was given a second term by the people of Belize, with a mandate even more overwhelming than that given in November, 2020. The PUP was able to secure, once again, 26 seats in the House of Representatives, and in the process was able to take control of a seat considered a UDP stronghold, Collet, very likely ending the political career of Patrick Faber.

Prime Minister John Briceño, the most successful politician in our nation's history, received over 75% of the votes in Orange Walk Central, defeating not one but two candidates representing the United Democratic Party. And across the country, the election played out largely as expected, after a first term which saw the full rebound of Belize's economy, the cutting in half of the poverty rate, the massive reduction in Belize's debt to GDP ratio, a historic lowering of the unemployment rate and unprecedented achievements in every key development area.

Belizeans have spoken, and they have said loudly and clearly that the People's United Party has their full confidence and support. From just a quick perusal of the numbers, it is obvious that a vast majority of Belizeans have felt the positive impact of Plan Belize and are optimistic entering the next five years with the PUP at the helm of government.

What happened on Election Day 2025 was not an accident, and did not happen by chance. It was the end result of almost five years of good stewardship of the nation's finances, sound economic decisions, a commitment to service and hard work. The work started on the day after elections in 2020 and it never stopped. The people of Belize recognized that.

They recognized that under a Briceño administration, deserving Belizeans were able to access homes across the country, something never before done. They realized that, for the first time ever, thousands of residents who had never been able to own a piece of land could do so. They recognized that only under a Briceño administration did free education become a reality, with almost ten thousand students and their families benefitting. They understood the commitment and work which led to National Health Insurance being poised to roll out countrywide. They saw the vision which led to tourism not only rebounding, but surpassing pre-covid numbers, creating thousands of new jobs. They witnessed the push to empower women, and to support and promote entrepreneurs and MSMEs. In all communities across the country, they saw the unprecedented work in infrastructure, in water systems, in power.

And there was so much more. It was clear to Belizeans that the Briceño administration understood the assignment and had the vision and competence to get the job done. But most of all the PUP, led by John Briceño, had love for the people. That made all the difference. And on March 12th, the people returned that love.

What lies ahead is not a celebration. This PUP administration has never been about accolades or resting on its laurels. With an indefatigable leader at the helm, what lies ahead is more work, much more work. There will be more housing, more infrastructure, more access to education and health and jobs and land. There will be a continued focus on lowering the cost of living and on improving the lives of all our people. As long as even one person lives in dire, abject poverty, the work will not be done.

But today, we give thanks to all Belizeans who came out to make their voices heard. It is because of all of you that democracy is alive and well in Belize. Together we stand strong. Long Live Belize.

EDITORIAL

en Español

¡GRACIAS!

El 12 de marzo de 2025, el pueblo de Belice otorgó un segundo mandato al Partido Unido del Pueblo, con un mandato aún más abrumador que el otorgado en noviembre de 2020. El PUP fue capaz de asegurar, una vez más, 26 escaños en la Cámara de Representantes, y en el proceso fue capaz de tomar el control de un escaño considerado un bastión del UDP, Collet, muy probablemente poniendo fin a la carrera política de Patrick Faber.

El primer ministro John Briceño, el político de más éxito en la historia de nuestro país, recibió más del 75% de los votos en Orange Walk Central, derrotando no a uno sino a dos candidatos del Partido Unido Democrático. Y en todo el país, las elecciones se desarrollaron en gran medida como se esperaba, tras un primer mandato en el que se produjo la plena recuperación de la economía de Belice, la reducción a la mitad de la tasa de pobreza, la enorme reducción de la deuda de Belice en relación con el PIB, un descenso histórico de la tasa de desempleo y logros sin precedentes en todas las áreas clave del desarrollo.

Los beliceños han hablado, y han dicho fuerte y claro que el Partido Unido del Pueblo tiene toda su confianza y apoyo. Basta con echar un vistazo rápido a las cifras para darse cuenta de que la inmensa mayoría de los beliceños han sentido el impacto positivo del Plan Belice y son optimistas de cara a los próximos cinco años con el PUP al frente del Gobierno.

Lo que ocurrió el día de las elecciones de 2025 no fue un accidente ni sucedió por casualidad. Fue el resultado final de casi cinco años de buena administración de las finanzas de la nación, decisiones económicas acertadas, compromiso de servicio y trabajo duro. El trabajo comenzó el día después de las elecciones de 2020 y nunca se detuvo. El pueblo de Belice lo reconoció.

Reconocieron que, bajo una administración Briceño, los beliceños que lo merecían pudieron acceder a viviendas en todo el país, algo que nunca antes se había hecho. Se dieron cuenta de que, por primera vez en la historia, miles de residentes que nunca habían podido poseer un pedazo de tierra podían hacerlo. Reconocieron que sólo bajo un gobierno de Briceño se hizo realidad la gratuidad de la educación, beneficiando a casi diez mil estudiantes y sus familias. Comprendieron el compromiso y el trabajo que llevaron a que el Seguro Nacional de Salud (NHI) estuviera a punto de implantarse en todo el país. Vieron la visión que llevó a que el turismo no sólo repuntara, sino que superara las cifras anteriores a la crisis, creando miles de nuevos puestos de trabajo. Fueron testigos del impulso dado a la autonomía de la mujer y al apoyo y la promoción de los emprendedores y las microempresas. En todas las comunidades del país fueron testigos de obras sin precedentes en infraestructuras, sistemas de abastecimiento de agua y electricidad.

Y hubo mucho más. Estaba claro para los beliceños que el gobierno de Briceño comprendía la tarea y tenía la visión y la competencia para llevarla a cabo. Pero, sobre todo, el PUP, dirigido por John Briceño, sentía amor por el pueblo. Eso marcó la diferencia. Y el 12 de marzo, el pueblo devolvió ese amor.

Lo que tenemos por delante no es una celebración. Esta administración del PUP nunca se ha dedicado a recibir elogios ni a dormirse en los laureles. Con un líder infatigable al timón, lo que queda por delante es más trabajo, mucho más trabajo. Habrá más viviendas, más infraestructuras, más acceso a la educación, a la salud, al empleo y a la tierra. Seguiremos centrándonos en reducir el coste de la vida y en mejorar la vida de todos nuestros ciudadanos. Mientras haya una sola persona que viva en la pobreza extrema y abyecta, el trabajo no está terminado.

Pero hoy damos las gracias a todos los beliceños que han acudido a hacer oír su voz. Gracias a todos ustedes, la democracia sigue viva en Belice. Juntos somos fuertes. Larga vida a Belice.

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Fort George, Hon. Henry Charles Usher "Thank You!"

My Fort George Family,

This is a reminder that tomorrow, March 12th, there will be no voting in Fort George as Minister Usher did not have an opponent and therefore there will be no voting at the polls.

Thank you for your continued support and for the vote of trust you have put in me to continue to lead our great constituency! (post)

#FOREVERBLAZING

#fortgeorgestrong

Pickstock, Hon. Anthony Mahler

To my Pickstock supporters,

Today we celebrate a victory that belongs to all of Pickstock.

Although I have won unopposed, I do not take this responsibility for granted.

This seat is not just an office; it is a profound trust that you have placed in me.

I am deeply committed to honoring this trust with relentless dedication, hard work, and an unwavering focus on the needs of our community.

Together, we will continue to build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous Pickstock.

Thank you for your continuous support!

Now let us move forward and help our other PUP brothers and sisters to win in their constituencies on March 12.

May we remain united in our shared vision for a brighter future.

Yours in service,

Anthony Mahler

Dangriga, Hope Creek & Sarawee, Hon. Louis Zabaneh

Greetings Esteemed Residents of Dangriga, Sarawee, and Hope Creek. I first would like to thank God for His blessings on all of us. Thank you, Seremein, Muchas Gracias, to all who voted for me and our team. I pledge to continue to work very hard to serve you and our people in our constituency, to continue transforming Dangriga, Sarawee, and Hope Creek.

I am very much grateful to all who worked very hard in the last term to make our historic accomplishments a reality. These include those in my office, our Executive Committee, and our Mayor and Council.

Much gratitude to PM Briceño, DPM Hyde, Ministers Fonseca, J. Espat, Mahler, Coye, Chebat, and Martinez along with all my other colleagues, for their invaluable contributions to our development and certainly to all residents of our beautiful constituency who worked with us.

May God continue to bless our work in service to our people.

Forward Together, Empowering Change!

Corozal Bay's New Area Representative, Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez

THANK YOU, COROZAL BAY!

With immense gratitude, we say THANK YOU! This victory belongs to everyone who believed in our vision, cast their vote, shared a kind word, showed up, and worked tirelessly to make this campaign a success.

To my voters, you have placed your trust in me, and I will honor that trust with hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to Corozal Bay. To my supporters, your encouragement, your voices, and your belief in change fueled this journey. To my campaign team, your passion, sacrifice, and countless hours of effort made this possible.

This campaign was not just about me; it was about us, our families, our future, and our home. Now, the real work begins. Together, we will bring the change we have promised—better infrastructure, more opportunities, and a stronger, more united Corozal Bay.

I am ready to serve, to deliver, and to lead with heart. This is just the beginning of a new chapter, and we will move forward together!

THANK YOU, COROZAL BAY!

Corozal South East, Hon. Florencio Marin

"Thank you beautiful people of Corozal South East for your overwhelming support in yesterday's polls. We did it!

Together we have transformed Corozal South East, and with your support we will continue to do so!!

Thanks to our tireless Prime Minister John Briceno, for always supporting us, and to my colleagues who gave us all the assistance needed.

To the village leaders, I am humbled by your loyalty and support in all villages.

To my executive Team, Lic. Julio Tzul and Mrs. Susan Daniels, you are absolutely the best and second to none!!

My beautiful wife Alva and my 3 children, my unconditional love. John and Magali, thank you. To Florencio, Sr., el jefe de jefes, gracias!

I am sure I have missed many in saying thanks, kindly understand that I am grateful.

With the grace of the Lord, we will continue the work of transformation for Corozal South East."

Stann Creek West, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who came out on Election Day and placed their trust in me with their vote. Your support means everything, and I am truly honored.

A special thank you to my family, the PUP committees, the village councils, and the incredible people of Stann Creek West. Your dedication and belief in our shared vision inspire me every day.

I also want to recognize and commend the Prime Minister of Belize for his leadership and guidance, as well as my colleagues for their unwavering support.

To the people of Stann Creek West, I make this vow: the work will continue! I am committed to creating opportunities, driving progress, and ensuring a brighter future for all.

Together, we move forward!

Toledo East, Hon. Osmond Martinez

My people thank you once again for re-electing me as your area representative. This victory is for you my beautiful people of Toledo East, together we will make a real difference, together we will transform Toledo east!

Victory is secured and Toledo East will be PUP territory!

Again! PUP!

Orange Walk North, Hon. Ramon 'Monchi' Cervantes

"Many thanks to you, the beautiful people of Orange Walk North, for placing your votes of confidence in me, your servant, in yesterday's election. Thanks to God and also to my rallies, campaigners, and all those who worked for the campaign and election, who put in a lot of effort to achieve this overwhelming victory.

Much respect to Carlos Zetina, for being a formidable contender in his participation in this democratic process.

Now is the time to move forward together and united stronger towards meeting the goals of PlanBelize2.0 to ensure a prosperous future for all.

May God bless you and your families always."

Belize Rural North's New Area Representative, Hon. Marconi Leal, Jr.

I am deeply humbled and truly honored by the trust and confidence you have placed in me to serve you and all of Belize for the next five years. Your overwhelming vote yesterday, with such a wide margin, is not just a victory – it is a powerful statement of your trust, hope, and belief in Team Leal. I promise that I will never take this responsibility lightly and will work tirelessly on your behalf, ensuring every decision I make reflects your aspirations, dreams, and the future we all envision.

I am not here to be served, but to serve, with a heart full of gratitude and dedication to each and every one of

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you. Your faith in me is a constant reminder of the shared vision we have for a brighter tomorrow, and I will ensure I work with unwavering commitment to honor that trust.

A special thank you to my incredible family and the PUP Team Leal for their stellar performance on the ground yesterday. You made this victory possible, and together, we will continue to move forward with humility, unity, and purpose.

With heartfelt appreciation, let's embark on this journey together, knowing that your hopes and dreams will always be my guiding light. I will not let you down. Thank you for believing in us, and together, we will make a lasting and positive impact for Belize Rural North and beyond."

Belize Rural Central, Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia

Dear Belize Rural Central,

I am deeply grateful for your trust and support. Your votes are a testament to our shared vision for progress, and I am honored to continue serving you.

The work does not stop here—our commitment to building a stronger, more prosperous community remains unwavering. Together, we will push forward, ensuring that the development and opportunities we strive for become a reality for all.

Thank you for believing in the journey ahead. Let's keep moving forward together!

With gratitude,

Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia

Cayo Northeast, Hon. Landy Habet

I am truly as honored as I am humbled by the great show of support shown by the constituents of Cayo Northeast. Your trust and confidence in me as your Area Representative was demonstrated through your vote.

The work done in the Constituency showcases the fulfillment of our Manifesto promises. Our new promises including free education, National Health Insurance, New bridge across the Belize River, Pavement of the Road from Bullet Tree through Sta. Familia to Spanish Lookout, Land (lot) distribution, mobile clinics etc., excited and incited you to come out in full support. I pledge my continued hard work and dedication to my Constituency.

To my office staff, my executive committee including the village chairpersons and councils, my wife and family, my driver and office workers and those special volunteers and assistants including my campaigners, I could not have made it without you. You are the engine that drives our election machinery.

This win is for all of us, for men women and children. It is now time to reorganize, continue the work of building of our communities, uplifting the livelihood of our people and building a Belize that works for all of us.

Once again my appreciation for all your support. VAMOS BIEN. LET US STAY PAN TRACK.

Cayo Central, Hon. Alex Balona

THANK YOU CAYO CENTRAL FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT YOU AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AGAIN!

Caribbean Shores, Hon. Kareem Musa

Ten years and three elections later, the feelings of absolute gratitude and pride are always overwhelming. Thank you is not enough to convey how honored I am to have your support Caribbean Shores, but I will continue to work towards showing you my deep appreciation both in our beloved area and nationally.

I cherish your confidence, value your trust and embrace your support.

Together, we will!

Belmopan, Hon. Oscar Mira

It's OVA now! (the representative was speaking tons on what is the fate of his opponent. Mira has not stopped working from November 2020. The elections confirmed for him the will of the people.)

Corozal Southwest, Hon. Ramiro Ramirez

Before the day ends, I want to give a big thank you

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Victory Speech

Election Night 2025

Party Leader and Prime Minister-Elect

John Briceño

March 12

My Fellow Belizeans,

The people have spoken. They have roared and they have thundered. And I am deeply humbled by their historic decision. For over 3 decades, I have had the opportunity to and honour to serve as the Representative of Orange Walk Central. This journey started with you. So, thank you Orange Walk Central for your confidence and love. I will continue to be there for you.

Four and half years ago, they took a chance on me and on my Party. We were untested and unproven. Today, the confidence of the Belizean electorate is based on four and half years of actual performance, of seeing and feeling the tangible difference that a People's United Party government has meant for our beloved Belize. And so, today's victory means even more to me and our Party than our massive win in 2020.

To be elected a first time is a privilege. To be re-elected is public confirmation of trust and confidence in our government.

I offer sincere thanks to every voter who exercised his or her sacred franchise, across our 484 polling stations in the 31 constituencies – those who voted for our PUP candidates and those who voted period. 65.1 percent exercised their franchise, that's a total of 128,262 voters.

This collective demonstration of democracy validates our struggle for Independence, this vote validates our constitutional freedoms and responsibilities, and this vote says to the world that Belize is a mature democracy, once again capable of free and fair elections.

Let me also thank each of our PUP candidates – those who won and those who fought to win.

These results belong to all candidates, to their Committees, to their campaigners, and to everyone who played a part in this momentous victory.

Tonight, the celebration can be abundant but tomorrow, the work begins anew, because planBelize2.0 will require a renewed, relentless focus on policies and programs that impact the lives of our people – more high-paying jobs, continued economic transformation, better education, enhanced health care, more lots and houses, a ferocious push back against those who break the law, and a deliberate plan to tame cost of living increases.

Second terms for both parties have in the recent past come with rising challenges from within. Some political leaders and officials assume that re-election means they have more latitude to flaunt power, to lose humility. Let me declare tonight that I will not brook this erosion of trust and will act decisively to protect the confidence that the electorate has given us today.

My friends, the world around us has changed much since our last election and not for the better. The international climate is more volatile, more complex and more challenging for small, open economies like ours. Our Administration will therefore have less room for error than in our first term. I pledge to do everything possible to maintain stability, to protect the gains of our first term, to safeguard against hubris, to ensure humility and to deliver on our key manifesto promises.

I wish very specially to thank my wife, my sons, and my brother Jaime, for always being there.

And the work begins tomorrow. With the blessing of the Almighty and the continued support of the people, let us march forward, with faith in the higher destiny that awaits us.

Belize forever! Belize for all!

Long live Belize! ¡Que viva Belize!

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to all who trusted in me and gave their full support on election day.

Your vote is for continuing the transformation in Corozal Southwest to be the best!!! Thank you once more!

Gracias a Dios por el apoyo, y que Dios nos bendiga siempre.

Collet's New Area Representative, Hon. Devin Daly

First and foremost, I give all praises and glory to Almighty God.

It is through His divine grace, wisdom, and unwavering guidance that I stand before you today. Without Him, none of this would be possible.

To the incredible people of Collet—thank you! Your steadfast love, unshakable support, and belief in our shared vision of a better Collet inspires me every single day.

Your trust fuels my passion, your encouragement strengthens my resolve, and together, we are proving that unity and determination can create real change.

To my extraordinary team—you are the heart and soul of this movement.

Your relentless dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to our mission are nothing short of remarkable. Every milestone we achieve is a testament to your perseverance, and I am beyond grateful to have each of you by my side.

I also want to express my deepest gratitude to Minister Anthony Mahler.

Your wisdom, mentorship, and belief in me is an anchor throughout this journey. Your leadership has not only shaped my path but has also taught me the value of resilience, purpose, and service to our people. It is an honor to walk this journey with you.

And to every single person who has stood with me, who has believed in this cause, and who has had faith in the vision we are building—thank you. Your support is my strength, your encouragement is my motivation, and because of you, I remain steadfast in the pursuit of progress and prosperity for Collet.

Together, we are writing a new chapter—one of hope, opportunity, and unstoppable progress.

I am excited for what we will accomplish side by side.

From the depths of my heart, thank you. God bless you all!

Kaya Cattouse
THANK YOU, ALBERTS!

"From the bottom of our hearts, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our supporters, our team, and everyone who stood with us on this journey. Though we did not win this election, we are so proud of the love, unity, and dedication we have built together.

This was a race well run, and we congratulate the winning party as good sportsmen. But more than anything, we celebrate the spirit of our community—strong, resilient, and full of hope.

This is not goodbye; this is just another step forward. Thank you for believing in us, for believing in a better Belize. We will always stand with you."

#ThankYou #AlbertsStrong #TogetherForBelize #kayafidialbert

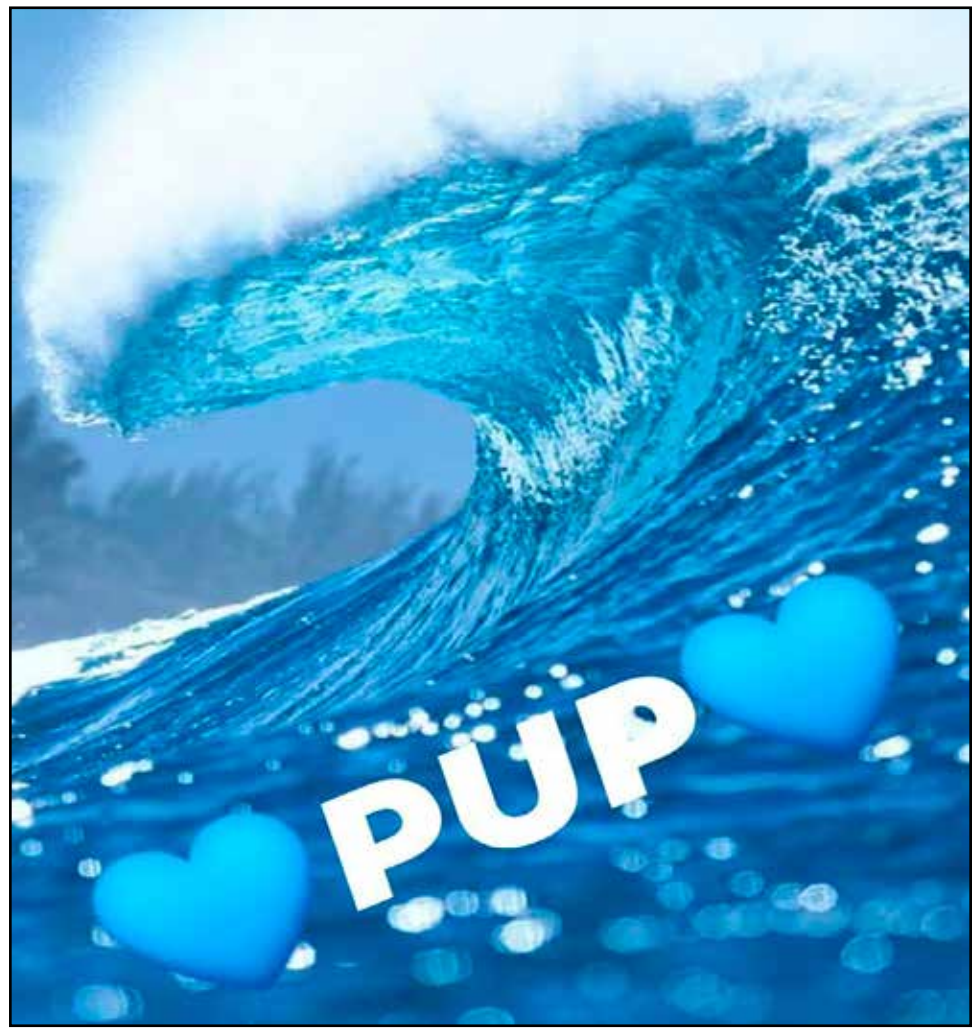
Dr. Lorna Mckay
Queen's Square

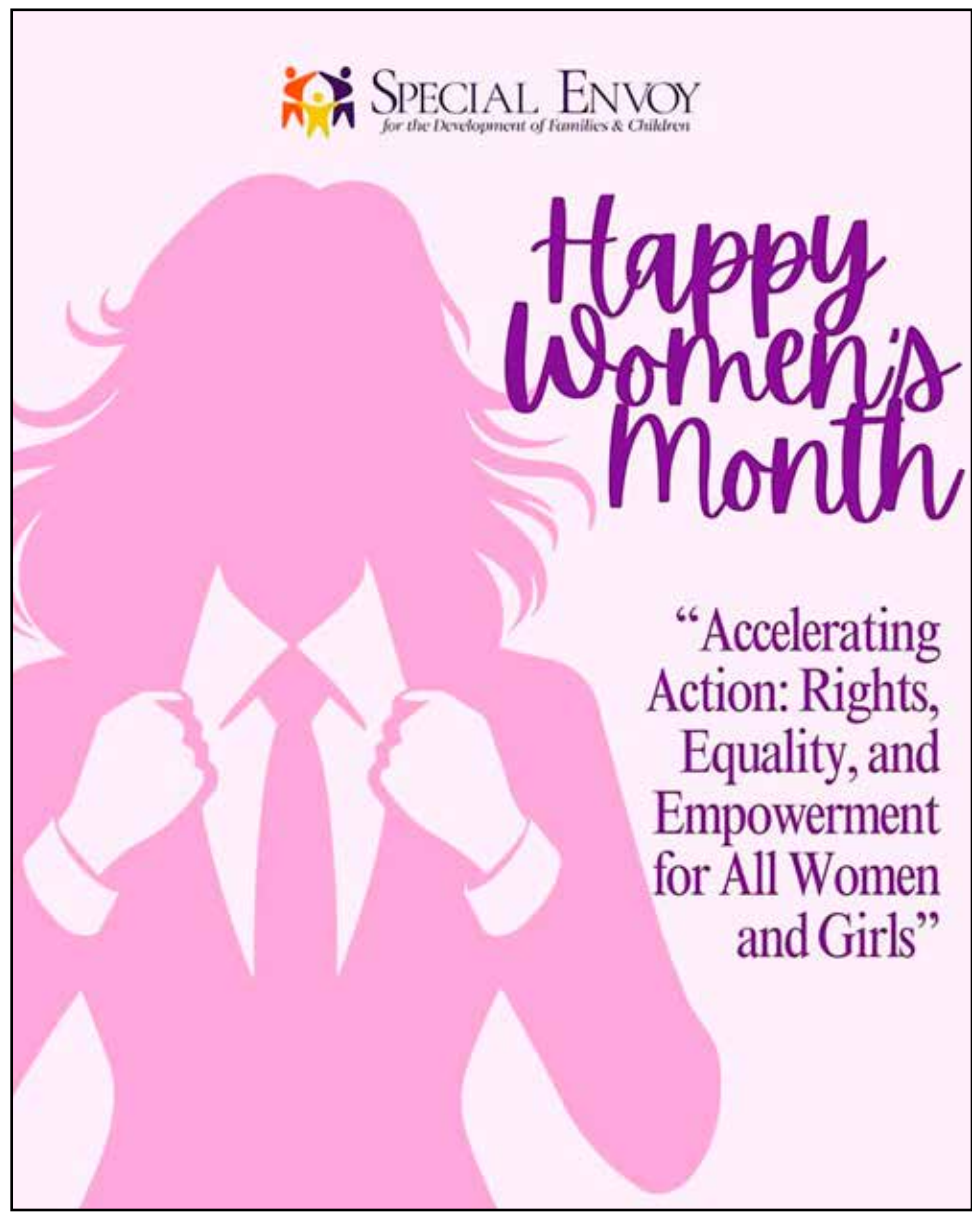
"Running for office has been an incredible journey—one filled with hope, determination, and a deep desire to serve the people of Queen's Square. While the outcome was not what I had hoped for, I want to sincerely thank everyone who supported me, encouraged me, and cast their vote in my favor. Your belief in my vision for our community means the world to me.

I won't pretend it wasn't difficult to learn that many who pledged their support ultimately did not follow through at the polls. I truly wanted the opportunity to work hard for every resident, to uplift our community, and to make meaningful improvements in the lives of those who call Queen's Square home. I believe we could have achieved great things together.

However, the people have spoken, and they have chosen Godwin Dominic Haylock to represent them. I respect the democratic process and wish him wisdom, strength, and success in his role. The work to build a better Queen's Square does not end here, and I remain committed to supporting our community however I can.

This is not goodbye—it is simply a new chapter. Thank you for your kindness, your trust, and your belief in the power of change. I will always have your back."




Special Envoy
for the Development of Families & Children
Happy Women's Month
"Accelerating Action: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment for All Women and Girls"

PLANBELIZE TO PLANBELIZE 2.0 - A SUSTAINED ATTACK

When the live document planBelize was rolled out in August 12, 2020 beginning with the 'Education Nation: Making Education Work for Belize', there was a palpable feeling of people hope. The room at the Princess was full of anticipation. BLU masks were distributed and proudly received and elegantly used by all present. Smiles could be seen via the most genuine of windows to our souls, the Belizean eyes. The PUP was fully on board with the reality of the times; Covid-19 was a killer but the UDP tyrants led by Barrow were worse. Us present were on board to launch a sustained attack on the virulent Barrow UDP and his stalwart cohorts like Faber, Shyne, Panton, Saldivar, Boots, Castro, Omar, Hugo, August and Peyrefitte. Today in 2025, the same is true but with a twist. The planned attack therefore had to be sustainable and planBelize was and is our peaceful and progressive weapon of choice. The sustained attack was to come in the form of relentless innovative service via the execution of planBelize policy, planBelize programmes, planBelize projects and planBelize laws.

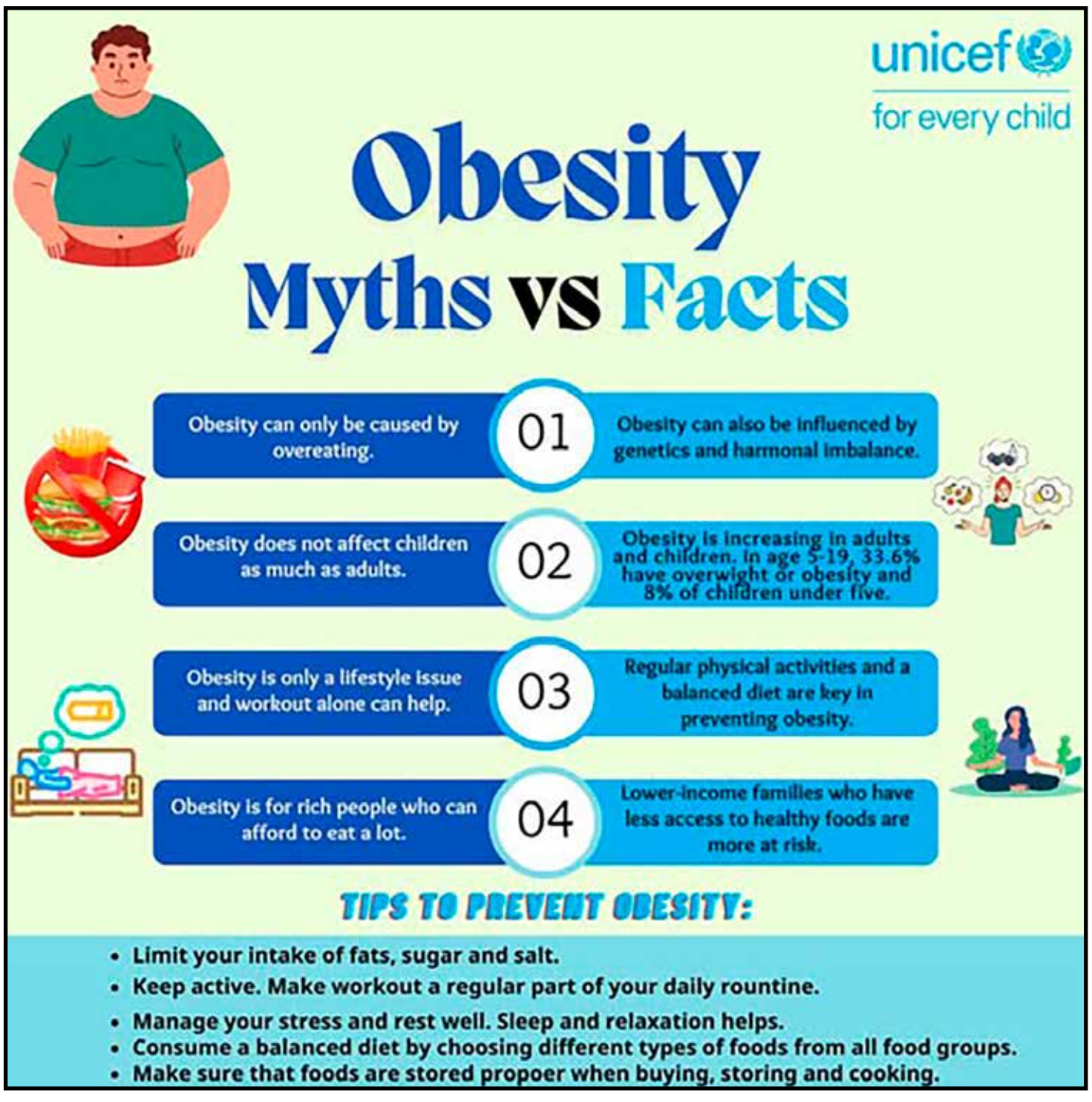
So as the Education Plan of planBelize was rolled out, little did the corrupt UDP government know of the manifesto onslaught they were about to face. The PUP Opposition committees had been planning literally for years. Since January 2016 when John Briceño was elected democratically by the PUP the gathering of ideas, notions, and talent was laser-focussed. The point of attack was not winning election 2020 and 2025 was a figment then; it was building around the central concept that all Belizeans were to win in a country that functions with untold efficacy—todos ganamos con planBelize, that was it.

The 2020 audience sat well social-distanced, purpose-driven to be a part of taking back Belize for the people. At said time, many had their loved ones in coronavirus quarantine as asymptomatic or even in life threatening hospitalization. This rollout was a far cry from the corrupt two-faced Opposition of today. The Covid-19 coronavirus was an existential threat but the UDP was worse. It was a time of survival and the Barrow government's blatant failures were exposed. Barrow could not lead when it mattered most—that is his dreadful legacy. All Barrow could do was grieve that all he could bequeath onto Belize was his ex-con, pseudo-artist, fake news creator, and Disney character son. Barrow confessed to a politically compromised pantry to borrowing heedlessly to having no answers. But grieving was not in the planBelize glossary and the PUP BLU engaged on it charge to deliver Belize to a massive election win that did come in November 11, 2020.

So as the 2020 term came to an end and February 11 came the call for another election, the UDP suddenly was like, "wait!" They were scared that the two-headed medusa was not ready. All indications are that they surreptitiously hired a Trini lawyer to spread the redistricting agenda as thin as he could. Nope…it was thrown out as fast as it entered any court. Fraud and abuse was the call. The UDP, both Tracy and Shyne, knew that their days were counted. Shyne now has lost his seat and Tracy seems poised to lead another set of five if they unite—what are the odds?

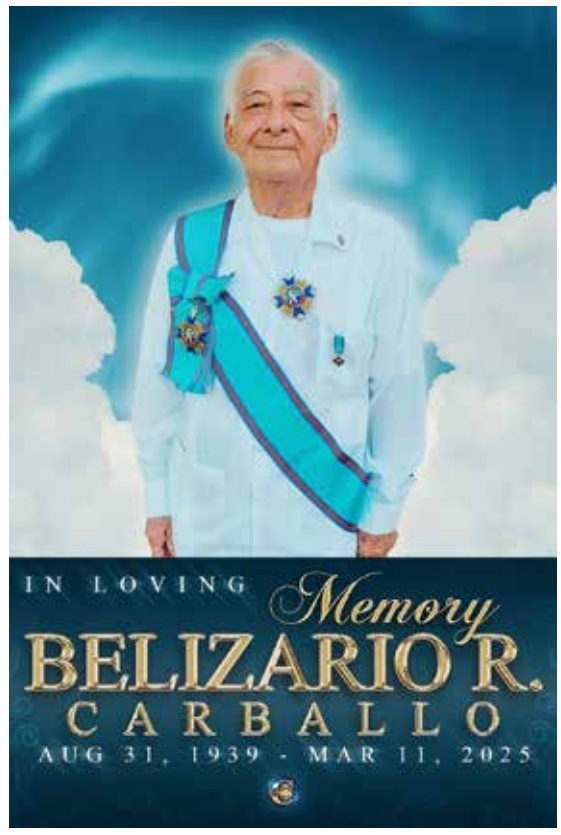
The crux of Election 2025 and planBelize 2.0 is that the work of making the lives of the Belizean people better continues. PlanBelize 2.0 is simple and complex. John Briceño is pledging to continues working for the people in the most humble of ways. People want to have access to their leaders and they want their lives improving. The cost of living is a constant fight that the Prime Minister always has at the top of his agenda. Incumbents around the world have fallen due to that issue but in Belize it it clear that our people believe that the planBelize administration is doing a lot to fight the cost of living.

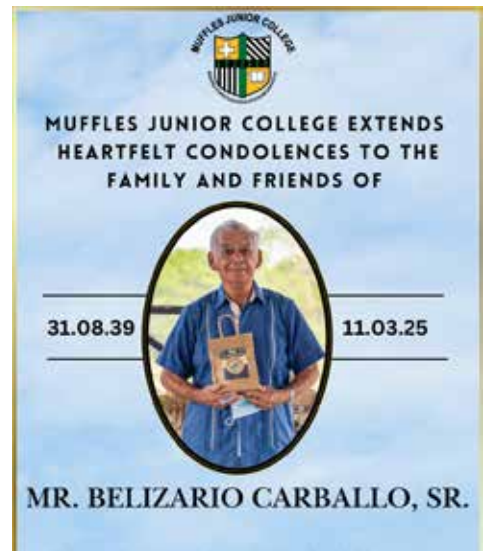
The PM's message is Thank You and a promise of continuing the transparency and accountability to the people of this nation. PlanBelize 2.0 will continue its sustained attack on poverty, crime, and any social injustice. We go to work now.


unicef
for every child
Obesity
Myths vs Facts
Obesity can only be caused by overeating.
01
Obesity can also be influenced by genetics and harmonal imbalance.
Obesity does not affect children as much as adults.
02
Obesity is increasing in adults and children. In age 5-19, 33.6% have overwight or obesity and 8% of children under five.
Obesity is only a lifestyle issue and workout alone can help.
03
Regular physical activities and a balanced diet are key in preventing obesity.
Obesity is for rich people who can afford to eat a lot.
04
Lower-income families who have less access to healthy foods are more at risk.
TIPS TO PREVENT OBESITY:
Limit your intake of fats, sugar and salt.
Keep active. Make workout a regular part of your daily rountine.
Manage your stress and rest well. Sleep and relaxation helps.
Consume a balanced diet by choosing different types of foods from all food groups.
Make sure that foods are stored propoer when buying, storing and cooking.

PUP Member of Order of Distinguished Service Passes

BELIZARIO RAMON CARBALLO, SR JP, MBE




MUFFLES JUNIOR COLLEGE EXTENDS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF
31.08.39
11.03.25
MR. BELIZARIO CARBALLO, SR.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Belizario Ramon Carballo, beloved husband, dad, grandfather, father-in-law, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He is predeceased by his mother, Buenaventura Acosta+, his father, Miguel Carballo+; step-father- Eusebio Torres+; sisters-Eumelia Copo+, Arcelia Leiva+; and brother- Eusebio Javier Torres+.

He is survived by his wife, Irma Carballo, nee Constanza; six children, Arsenio Andres, Jose Humberto, Belizario Filiberto, Luis Antonio, Noel Ramon, Miriam Annette; daughter-in-law-Magdalena, Lisbeth, Rocio and Sandra; son-in-law-Angel Briceno; grandchildren- Roanna, Roselle, Ginelle, Belizario Gian, Jose Humberto Jr, Noel Noe Ramon Jr, Johan, Angel Andres; great-grandchildren- Nikolas, Léandre and Celeste. Sisters- Nellie Chi, Adelita Carballo, Diana Peralta, Luciana Rodriguez and Gabriela Arnold

Brothers- Rafael Torres and Rene Torres and a host of nieces and nephews.

Words from former student: "To me, and maybe to many, a man of integrity has left us for a greater city a greater world. He has culminated with honors a journey with us. The district of Orange Walk in Belize is mourning the loss of one of its citizens. He who many youths of today may know by name but never knew his capacity to hold high the standard of his secondary education alumnus. He served the children of his town and also its people in the Catholic faith. We cannot say enough today as we bid our goodbye to Mr Belizario Carballo in his earthly self but we know that he will live in all who was touched by his spirit.

I can say that only love for his community gave him the strength to serve us. I can remember him that even when in time of discipline he did it with his unique way of a smile. I will always remember his word to me at school. "You are here to follow our rules if you don't then you don't belong here."

The words were the least the way delivered was unquestionable strong to the point and taken and carried on as a life lesson. It takes character to serve in the Catholic Church and he did it with passion until he could no more. I may not know your path with Maestro but I know that as family many a time I heard his happy being and as a principal I knew I reached my limit when in front of him. Valla con Dios Don Beliz ya es tiempo de gozar y no más luchar. My condolence to all the family. I may not hug you personally but from a distance I close the gap with a spiritual hug. My love to you all."

School he was Principal at for 26 years: "The Muffles College joins the Orange Walk community in mourning the loss of the great Mr. Belizario Carballo. Our condolences to the Carballo family and all who are affected by his passing. May his soul be received by God the most high."

The wake will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at his residence, 125 Otro Benque, Orange Walk Town and the funeral service will be held on Friday March 14, 2025, at 2:00pm at La Inmaculada Concepcion Church, Orange Walk Town.

May the soul of Mr. Belizario Ramon Carballo, Sr. Rest in Peace and Rise in Eternal Glory.

2025 Belize General Election Official Results

	DIVISION	PUP	T-UDP (Tracy) S-UDP (Shyne) Other
1.	**OW Central – John Briceño**	3,416	Denny Grijalva (T-UDP) 837; Yara Cal (S-UDP) 83
2.	**Lake I - Cordel Hyde**	4,806	Samuel Cutkelvin (S-UDP) 19 Cecil Jenkins(T-UDP) 92
3.	**Freetown – Francis Fonseca**	2,164	Abraham Flowers (S-UDP) 216
4.	**Fort George – Henry Charles Usher**	Uncontested	
5.	**Pickstock – Anthony Mahler**	Uncontested	
6.	**OW South – Jose Mai**	3,462	German Tillett (S-UDP) 1,931
7.	**Cayo South – Julius Espat**	4,476	June Young (T-UDP) 510; Jose Samayoa (S-UDP) 67
8.	**Stann Creek West - Rodwell Ferguson**	3,907	Ivan Williams (T-UDP)1159; Macario Agustine (S-UDP) 171; Domingo Valerio (BJM) 46; Mateo Polanco (IND) 24
9.	**Corozal Southeast - Florencio Marin**	3,683	Tony Herrera (SUDP) – 1,755
10.	**Corozal Bay - Thea Garcia Ramirez**	3,122	Hernan Riverol (T-UDP) 394; Elvia Vega (IND) 1160
11.	**Belize Rural Central - Dolores Balderamos Garcia**	2,895	Beverly Williams (T-UDP) 1367 David Almendarez (S-UDP) 142; Estevan Perrera (PDM) 49; Aaron Wilson (BJM) 34
12.	**Cayo Northeast - Orlando Habet**	2,813	Albert Fernandez (S-UDP) 1259
13.	**Cayo North - Michel Chebat**	3,518	Omar Figueroa (S-UDP) 2587; Leroy Lisbey (BJM) 67
14.	**Cayo Central - Alex Balona**	3,031	Mark O'Brien (S-UDP) 2310; Roody Wade (BJM) 29; Francisco Escobar (GODP) 26
15.	**Toledo West - Oscar Requena**	3,809	Alfonso Sanchez (S-UDP) 1523
16.	**Corozal Southwest – Ramiro Ramirez**	2,830	Martin Rivera (S-UDP) 2149
17.	**Caribbean Shores – Kareem Musa**	2,025	Andrew Bradley (T-UDP) 320; Tyrone Louriano (S-UDP) 109
18.	**Orange Walk East - Kevin Bernard**	3,993	Marlo Perera (T-UDP) 466; Lance Pelayo (S-UDP) 138
19.	**Port Loyola – Gilroy Usher, Sr.**	1,577	Philip Willoughby (T-UDP) 261; Nelma Mortis (S-UDP) 151; Anthony 'Boots' Martinez (Ind) 352; Wilmore Tablada 54
20.	**Belmopan - Oscar Mira**	4,009	John Saldivar (T-UDP) 1789; Ralston Frazer (S-UDP) 215
21.	**Orange Walk North – Ramon Cervantes, Jr.**	3,829	Carlos Zetina (S-UDP) - 1,970
22.	**Belize Rural South - Andre Perez**	3,418	Manuel Heredia (T-UDP) 1898; Lagha Mahmoud (S-UDP) 110; Abner Bacab (BJM) 159
23.	**Dangriga - Louis Zabaneh**	2,237	Cyril 'Uruwei' Garcia (IND) 628
24.	**Toledo East – Osmond Martinez**	4,954	Will Meheia (PNP) 374; Orlando Muschamp (IND) 37
25.	**Belize Rural North - Marconi Leal, Jr.**	2,898	Eustace Shaw (S-UDP) 298; Andrew Reynolds (PNP) 56
26.	**Collet – Devin Daly**	1,271	Patrick Faber (T-UDP) 1108
27.	**Cayo West – Jorge Espat**	2,286	Miguel Guerra (S-UDP) 2612; Esduit Moralez (BJM) 66
28.	**Albert – Kaya Cattouse**	1,014	Tracy Panton (T-UDP) 1243; Jose Espat (S-UDP) 20; Cornelio Galvez (PDM) 3
29.	**Corozal North – David Castillo**	470	Hugo Patt (S-UDP) 664; Condace Espido (BJM) 4
30.	**Mesopotamia – Larry Ellis**	503	Lee Mark Chang (T-UDP) 601; Shyne Barrow 318 (S-UDP)
31.	**Queen's Square – Lorna Mckay**	687	Godwin Haylock (T-UDP) 1192; Shane Williams (S-UDP), 66; Garry Matus (PDM) 9

PUP WINS 26 SEATS in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2025 Belize General Election - *Unofficial Results*

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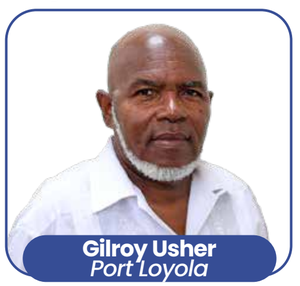

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PLANBELIZE 2.0
WE WILL

1. Roll out NHI for ALL
2. Raise minimum wage to $6
3. DEVELOP the Port of Belize
4. Expand FREE Education & Healthy Start
5. Expand 501Academy and PEOPLE'S Archives
6. Expand The Mobile LAND Clinic
7. More starter HOMES to 2 bedrooms
8. Massive increase in ROAD, and BRIDGE network
9. Advanced TECHNOLOGY to fight crime
10. Dramatically grow the AGRICULTURE basket

Nosotros vamos a

1. Implementar el NHI para TODOS
2. Aumentar el salario mínimo a $6
3. Desarollar el Puerto de Belice.
4. Ampliar la Educación GRATUITA y Healthy Start
5. Ampliar la Academia 501 y los Archivos del PUEBLO
6. Ampliar la Clínica MÓVIL de TIERRA
7. Más CASAS iniciales de 2 dormitorios
8. Aumento masivo en la red de CARRETERAS y PUENTES
9. Tecnología avanzada para combatir el crimen
10. Aumentar drásticamente la canasta de la AGRICULTURA

OAS Electoral Observation Mission in Belize

The Organization of American States was present during the General Elections of March 12, 2025. They will be making a broad report on their finding and it is up to the government and people to take the recommendations. In an impromptu election day interview, the leader of the team made these remarks.: "We have seen a very calm election…a good turnout, but hopefully that will increase during the afternoon. There is support for the electoral authorities and different parties. We follow up on the different parties that can improve the democratic process in Belize…so that everybody participates in the best way possible."

The OAS observation mission, led by Chief of Mission Maricarmen Plata, has been actively observing the process since the opening of polls and has reported a peaceful and orderly election so far. It must be noted that they come to observe in a small space of time and then give their outside view. The UDP media will cherry pick on the report that will be made public. They will highlight what they feel is wrong and totally ignore the efficient…instead of highlighting Belize's strengths for us to improve. For example, the Briceño government is on record stating that it will follow with redistricting early in its next term when and if they win. They won. But the media present at the interview with Plata found it necessary to come out of left field with a redistricting question. The OAS is all about keeping democracy alive; just like the Belize government it is not perfect but it is obviously and excellent practise for any independent group to evaluate. It is politically healthy to be scrutinized and critiqued positively—a job usually carried out by a relevant Opposition.

March 6, 2025 - The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, announced today the appointment of Maricarmen Plata, a member of his cabinet, as Chief of the Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) to be deployed to the March 12 general elections in Belize.

The Mission, comprised of 12 observers from 7 countries, will focus its observation on electoral organization and technology, political-electoral financing and electoral justice.

Ahead of the polls, the Chief of Mission, along with the OAS team, will meet with electoral authorities, representatives of political parties, government officials, and other stakeholders to discuss perspectives on the electoral process. On election day, members of the Mission will visit polling stations from the opening of the polls to the counting of votes and the publication of results.

In the days after the election, the OAS Mission will present its Preliminary Report containing observations and recommendations which seek to strengthen the democratic and electoral processes in the country.

This will be the fourth Electoral Observation Mission that the OAS has deployed in Belize, following previous Missions in 2012 and 2015 to observe general elections, and a 1997 mission focused on the re-registration of voters.

This OAS Mission has been made possible thanks to the financial contributions of Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands and Panama. (release)

H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam, Governor General of Belize, had the honor of hosting a meeting with the Organization of American States (OAS) election observers following the conclusion of the recent elections. The discussion focused on the democratic process and the vital role of transparency and fairness in the electoral system.

BWS IDB

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Country: *Belize*
Project: *Water Supply & Modernization Program*
Loan/Credit/Grant No.: *BL-L1043 (5754/OC-BL)*
Institution: *Belize Water Services*
Abstract: *Consulting services for drawings and designs for civil works, piping, and electrical installations and adaptations to improve operational performance of BWS with a focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation.*
Contract/Bid No.: *BL-L1043-P00007*
Deadline: *February 19, 2025*

The *Belize Water Services has received* financing from *the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, toward the cost of the *Water Supply & Modernization Program* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") for ***Drawings and Designs for Civil Works, Piping, and Electrical Installations and Adaptations*** include: *a survey and efficiency assessment of pumps and motors installed at BWS plants and pump stations (countrywide) which will be used to propose and size adequate measures to improve their energy efficiency including (but not limited to) replacement of equipment, as well as detailed civil, mechanical and electrical designs for the implementation of these proposals.*

The *Belize Water Services* now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. **Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.**

From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *QCBS* method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by email by *February 19, 2025, by end of business day.*

Belize Water Services
Attn: *Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Specialist*
7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.
Tel: *+501-222-4757*
E-mail: *rce@bwsl.com.bz*

Complete 2nd Phase of Vanil la Cultivation Training for Women and Girls

Nursery Inaugurated in Belmopan

March 7, 2025 - The Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Investment, through the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), in collaboration with the National Women's Commission (NWC), the Taiwan Technical Mission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Belize Permaculture & Renewable Energy Ltd, the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Transport, and the Department of Youth Services, officially inaugurated Belize's third public vanilla nursery at the Western Region Youth Training Institute.

This vanilla nursery has been fully planted with two (2) species of vanilla native to the south of Belize. This establishes further progress toward the planned increase in the supply of vanilla beans from Belize.

Present at the inauguration ceremony were Roberto Pan, Chief of Mission of the Taiwan Technical Mission; Lincoln Blake, Director, IPCU, Ministry of Investment; Eleanor Murillo, Executive Director of the National Women's Commission; Walton Garbutt, Deputy Director of the Department of Youth Services; and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nesbitt of Belize Permaculture & Renewable Energy Ltd.

The Office of the Prime Minister and the Women's Commission anticipate a bright future in this newly emerging sector of vanilla production and in pioneering new economic activities to encourage female leadership in Belize's economic diversification.

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Procurement of Office Furniture & Office Equipment for Four (4) POs

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: Procurement of Office Furniture & Office Equipment for Four (4) POs
Reference No.: RRB.G.28

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the financing to the purchase for which this request for quotations (RFQ) is issued.

The goods, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lots	Items	Quantity
1. Office Equipment	Desktop Computer	3
	Laptop Computer	1
	3-in-one Inkjet Printer	4
	Set of Ink Cartridges for Printer	2
2. Office Furniture	Office Desk	1
	Office Chair	1
	Filing Cabinet	1

Submitted quotations should be accompanied by:
a. Cover letter
b. A copy of your business registration;
c. Completed price and delivery schedule;
d. Adequate technical documentation and catalogue(s) and any other pertinent information.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites suppliers to submit quotations for supply of Office Furniture and Office Equipment as outlined in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) documentation. Suppliers will be selected using the national shopping (NS) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at **www.ifad.org/project-procurement**.

Suppliers interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an email, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFQ) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: **lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz**
Copied to: Nadia Vernon - **nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz**

Quotations should be submitted in physical form or by email attachment (in pdf format), by the deadline and to the address stated above.

The **deadline for receipt of your quotation is April 16th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time**. A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Resilient Rural Belize Office, Agriculture Showgrounds, City of Belmopan. Last date for request for clarifications is April 8th, 2025 and the Client will respond to bidders' questions by April 11th, 2025.

BELTRAIDE Partners with IICA on Major Sustainable Livelihood Project

March 5, 2025 – The Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE) is proud to announce its participation in the Sustainable Livelihood Project, an initiative spearheaded by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in collaboration with the Cooperative Department and Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise (MAFSE). This partnership aims to foster climate resilience and economic sustainability for communities across Belize.

As part of Component 2 of the project, BELTRAIDE has been allocated BZD 744,500 to support the development of nature-based enterprises, equipping five community groups with business development skills, technical assistance, and expanding market access for sustainable ventures. The initiative strengthens Belize's national commitment to climate resilience and sustainable development, empowering communities that rely on natural resources for their livelihoods.

A meeting between BELTRAIDE's Executive Director, Mr. Ishmael Quiroz, and IICA's Representative in Belize, Mr. Mauricio Guevara, was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025. This meeting focused on finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will serve as the framework for BELTRAIDE's contributions to the project.

This initiative receives financing from the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) through its Adaptation Fund Enhanced Direct Access funding window, as part of the Building Community Resilience via Transformative Adaptation project, which supports initiatives to bolster Belize's resilience against climate threats, such as droughts, water scarcity's, floods, and wildfires.

BELTRAIDE will drive the development of five nature-based enterprises in key communities, ensuring that local entrepreneurs are equipped with essential tools and knowledge to build resilient and profitable businesses while preserving Belize's rich natural resources. Through targeted training and mentorship programs, BELTRAIDE will empower community members, including women and youth, enhancing their economic sustainability and strengthening their climate resilience

"This partnership with IICA, MAFSE, and the Cooperative Department is a significant step forward in promoting sustainable economic development in Belize," stated Ishmael Quiroz, BELTRAIDE's Executive Director. Also, "By supporting the development of climate-resilient businesses, we are not only enhancing the livelihoods of Belizeans but also contributing to the country's long-term sustainability goals." This collaboration demonstrates BELTRAIDE's commitment to fostering a robust and sustainable business environment that integrates climate resilience, economic empowerment, and environmental stewardship into its core strategies.

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Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE
INVITATION TO BID

Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Contract No	Name	Contract Period
13-2024/2025	Loading, Trucking, and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 Months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing public procurement within Belize.

3.This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as described in the Bidding Documents.

4. Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders' attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email address below.

6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.

7. The new deadline for the delivery of bids to the address below is Friday, March 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Electronic bid submission shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Interested public/civil society entities and NGOs can also attend the Bid opening.

8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders are reminded to submit all documentations specified in the bidding documents.

9. The Government of Belize will declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract funded by the Government of Belize, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.

10. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid "the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption". In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.

11. The address referred to above for:

(i) Application for Bidding Documents, (ii) submission of Bids, and (iii)
opening Bid, is:

The address referred to above is:
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid
Garden Area City of Belmopan, Belize,
C.A.
Tel: (501) 802 1527
PO Box 285

E-mail: procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz with copy to tuckerla@gobmail.gov.bz

Invitation for Disaster Risk Reduction Training in India

March 11, 2025 - The Ministry of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management, through its National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), is pleased to announce that the Government of India has extended an invitation to train 22 Belizean government officials from various ministries and departments in Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management. This fully funded initiative underscores the strengthening of international partnerships in building Belize's disaster resilience.

The training, scheduled for **March 17-28, 2025,** will be hosted by the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)** under India's Ministry of Home Affairs. This opportunity falls under the **Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme** and will equip participants with critical skills in disaster preparedness, response, climate adaptation, and post-disaster recovery.

Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management, expresses his gratitude for this initiative, stating: *"This partnership with India is a testament to the importance of international collaboration in disaster resilience. Belize, as a climate-vulnerable nation, must continuously enhance its capabilities, and this training will strengthen our national response mechanisms to safeguard lives and livelihoods."*

Participants will undergo intensive training in hazard assessment, disaster planning, emergency response coordination, and innovative climate adaptation techniques. The program will also include site visits and real-world case studies on disaster risk reduction strategies.

The Ministry extends its deepest appreciation to the Government of India for this generous contribution toward Belize's disaster management efforts.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that **Ajiezer P. Samos** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Pink Patio"** located in Trial Farm Village., Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING FIRM)

CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT IN BELIZE

Institution: Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Solar PV Project
Deadline: **April 14, 2025**; **11:59 p.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize (GoB) is inviting expressions of interest from qualified developers for the Consulting Service for the Development of a Solar Photovoltaic Project in Belize. This initiative supports the country's renewable energy transition and energy security goals by promoting private sector participation in large-scale renewable energy projects.

The objective of this consultancy is to facilitate the development, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) plants with a total installed capacity of up to 80MW.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in undertaking this consultancy. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating their qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested parties are hereby invited to submit an Expression of Interest package including:

- Company Profile: Description of experience, ownership structure, and key personnel.
- Summary of Past Solar PV or IPP Projects: Details on project capacity, location, role.
- Financial Capability Statement: Evidence of funding capacity.
- Project Approach: High-level plan for the development, financing, and integration of the solar PV plants.

Qualified firms should submit one (1) PDF file in English via email to gabrielle.hulse@med.gov.bz and rey.guerrero@mof.gov.bz, with a copy to dbotbanjock@ifc.org and wfanimokun@ifc.org.

Deadline: April 14, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. (Local Belize Time). No late submissions will be accepted.

Address for Submission:
Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment
Belmopan City, Belize, Central America
Email: gabrielle.hulse@med.gov.bz and rey.guerrero@mof.gov.bz
CC: dbotbanjock@ifc.org and wfanimokun@ifc.org

Ref. "Consultancy for the Development of a Solar Photovoltaic Project in Belize"

For further details, visit https://procurement.gov.bz/2025/03/13/belize-solar-pv-project-reoi-firm-ifc/ or scan the QR Code below.

LETTER TO THE Editor

Progress: PUP's Second Victory

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the People's United Party (PUP) on securing a second consecutive victory in the 2025 general elections. This win clearly reflects the trust that Belizeans have placed in the party's leadership and vision for national development.

Over the past 4.5 years, the Briceño Administration has demonstrated a commitment to economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and social programs that uplift Belizean families. The progress made in education, healthcare, and job creation has resonated with voters, reaffirming their confidence in the administration.

With this renewed mandate, the government now carries the responsibility of continuing the work it has started. Belizeans expect not just promises, but tangible results that enhance their quality of life. As the PUP embarks on another term, unity and accountability should remain at the forefront of governance.

Once again, congratulations to the Prime Minister and his team. May this new term bring continued progress and prosperity for all Belizeans.

This is what I see as a testament to progress.

Sincerely,

S. V. Gracia

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of a Dearly Beloved Son, Husband, Father, Grandfather & Great-Grandfather

Mr. Anthony Attlee Castillo

Sunrise:June 2nd, 1951
Sunset: February 27th, 2008

Though you are no longer with us, your love, wisdom, and kindness continue to guide our hearts. Not a day goes by without thoughts of you. Your memory is a treasure we hold close, and your legacy lives on in the values you instilled in us. We miss you dearly, but we find comfort knowing you are at peace.Dearly missed by Wife, Children, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, other family and friends. Continue resting in peace.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Feliciano Sutherland** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Irie Ital Corner Firehart Restaurant"** located at # 709 P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rafael Gamez/Marlin Peneda** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Benque Vets FC Bar & Grill"** located at # 27 Joyce Blair Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Breann Kimberly Neal** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mama Sherls Mini Shop"** located at # 8731 Curl Thompson Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Elections and Boundaries Commission
Old Land's Building,
Market Square
City of Belmopan
12th March 2025

GENERAL ELECTION
OFFICIAL RESULTS

Electoral Division	Candidates	Political Party	# of Reg. Voters	Total Ballots Cast	% of Voter Turnout	# of Votes cast	% of Votes by Party
Freetown			**4055**	**2421**	**59.70**		
	Abraham Erlington Flowers	UDP (S)				216	8.92%
	Francis William Fonseca	**PUP**				**2164**	**89.38%**
		rejected				41	1.69%
Caribbean Shores			**4383**	**2505**	**57.15**		
	Andrew Leo Bradley	UDP (T)				320	12.77%
	Tyrone "Ty" Louriano	UDP (S)				109	4.35%
	Kareem David Musa	**PUP**				**2025**	**80.84%**
		rejected				51	2.04%
Pickstock							
	Anthony Robert Mahler	**PUP**				**Uncontested**	
Fort George							
	Henry Charles Usher Sr.	**PUP**				**Uncontested**	
Albert			**3111**	**2340**	**75.22**		
	Kaya Cattouse	PUP				1014	43.33%
	Jose Luis "Jun" Espat	UDP (S)				20	0.85%
	Cornelio Day Rogelio Galvez	PDM				3	0.13%
	Tracy Panton	**UDP (T)**				**1243**	**53.12%**
		rejected				60	2.56%
Queens Square			**2824**	**2026**	**71.74**		
	Godwin Dominic Haylock	**UDP (T)**				**1192**	**58.84%**
	Garry Matus	PDM				9	0.44%
	Dr. Lorna Marie McKay	PUP				687	33.91%
	Shane Devon Williams	UDP (S)				66	3.26%
		rejected				72	3.55%
Mesopotamia			**2253**	**1514**	**67.20**		
	Moses "Shyne" Barrow	UDP (S)				318	21.00%
	Lee Mark Chang	**UDP (T)**				**601**	**39.70%**
	Lawrence Russel Ellis	PUP				503	33.22%
		rejected				92	6.08%
Lake Independence			**6807**	**5006**	**73.54**		
	Samuel Cutkelvin	UDP (S)				19	0.38%
	Cordel Hyde	**PUP**				**4806**	**96.00%**
	Cecil Jenkins	UDP (T)				92	1.84%
		rejected				89	1.78%
Collet			**3625**	**2432**	**67.09**		
	Devin Daly	**PUP**				**1271**	**52.26%**
	Patrick Jason Faber	UDP (T)				1108	45.56%
		rejected				53	2.18%
Port Loyola			**4804**	**2547**	**53.02**		
	Nelma "Mortis" Jones	UDP (S)				151	5.93%
	Anthony "Boots" Martinez	UDP (Boots)				352	13.82%
	Wilmore "Tab" Tablada	PDM				54	2.12%
	Gilroy Dinsdale Usher	**PUP**				**1577**	**61.92%**
	Philip "Tracy Panton" Willoughby	UDP (T)				261	10.25%
		rejected				152	5.97%
			5246	**3315**	**63.19**		

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Belize Rural North							
	Marconi Devane Leal	**PUP**				**2898**	**87.42%**
	Andrew "Lion Truth" Reynolds	PNP				56	1.69%
	Eustace Alden "Big C" Shaw	UDP (S)				298	8.99%
		rejected				63	1.90%
Belize Rural Central			**7832**	**4660**	**59.50**		
	David Almendarez	UDP (S)				142	3.05%
	Dolores Balderamos Garcia	**PUP**				**2895**	**62.12%**
	Estevan Alejandro Perera	PDM				49	1.05%
	Beverly "Ms. Bev" Williams	UDP (T)				1367	29.33%
	Aaron "Bunny T" Wilson	BJM				34	0.73%
		rejected				173	3.71%
Belize Rural South			**10149**	**5767**	**56.82**		
	Abner "Chamber" Bacab	BJM				159	2.76%
	Manuel Jr. "Don Jun" Heredia	UDP (T)				1898	32.91%
	Lagha "Dani" Mahmoud	UDP (S)				110	1.91%
	Andre Perez	**PUP**				**3418**	**59.27%**
		rejected				182	3.16%
Corozal Bay			**6691**	**4753**	**71.04**		
	Thea Garcia Ramirez	**PUP**				**3122**	**65.68%**
	Hernan Andre Riverol	UDP (T)				394	8.29%
	Elvia "Elvie" Vega Samos	IND				1160	24.41%
		rejected				77	1.62%
Corozal North			**7466**	**5989**	**80.22**		
	David "Dave" Castillo	PUP				2385	39.82%
	Condace "Lowe" Espedido	BJM				44	0.73%
	Hugo Patt	**UDP (S)**				**3497**	**58.39%**
		rejected				63	1.05%
Corozal South East			**7337**	**5492**	**74.85**		
	Antonio "Tony" Herrera	UDP (S)				1755	31.96%
	Florencio Julian Marin	PUP				**3683**	67.06%
		rejected				54	0.98%
Corozal South West			**6424**	**5034**	**78.36**		
	Ramiro Ramirez	**PUP**				**2830**	56.22%
	Martin Rivera	UDP (S)				2149	42.69%
		rejected				55	1.09%
Orange Walk Central			**6524**	**4475**	**68.59**		
	John "Johnny" Antonio Briceno	**PUP**				**3416**	76.34%
	Denni Grijalva Cruz	UDP (T)				837	18.70%
	Yara Mariza Cal Villeda	UDP (S)				83	1.85%
		rejected				139	3.11%
Orange Walk North			**8534**	**5904**	**69.18**		
	Ramon "Monchi" Cervantes	**PUP**				**3829**	64.85%
	Carlos Grabiel Zetina	UDP (S)				1970	33.37%
		rejected				105	1.78%
Orange Walk East			**7633**	**4754**	**62.28**		
	Kevin Bernard	PUP				**3993**	83.99%
	Lance Bentley Pelayo	UDP (S)				161	3.39%
	Marlo Alexis Perera	UDP (T)				466	9.80%
		rejected				134	2.82%
			7534	**5439**	**72.19**		

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Orange Walk South							
	Jose Abelardo Mai	PUP				**3462**	63.65%
	German Evan Tillett	UDP (S)				1931	35.50%
		rejected				46	0.85%
Cayo North			**8980**	**6256**	**69.67**		
	Michel "Micho" Chebat	**PUP**				**3518**	**56.23%**
	Omar Antonio Figueroa	UDP (S)				2587	41.35%
	Leroy "Lee" Lisbey	BJM				67	1.07%
		rejected				84	1.34%
Cayo Central			**8761**	**5514**	**62.94**		
	Alex Balona	**PUP**				**3031**	**54.97%**
	Francisco Concepcion "Junie" Escobar	GODP				26	0.47%
	Mark Roland "OB" O'Brien	UDP (S)				2310	41.89%
	Roody Lewinskey Wade	BJM				29	0.53%
		rejected				118	2.14%
Cayo West			**7674**	**5115**	**66.65**		
	Jorge "Milin" Espat	PUP				2286	44.69%
	Miguel "Mike" Guerra	**UDP (S)**				**2612**	**51.07%**
	Esduit Ariel "Yey" Moralez	BJM				66	1.29%
		rejected				151	2.95%
Cayo South			**8244**	**5177**	**62.80**		
	Julius Espat	**PUP**				**4476**	**86.46%**
	Jose Antonio Samayoa	UDP (S)				67	1.29%
	June Young	UDP (T)				510	9.85%
		rejected				124	2.40%
Cayo North East			**6578**	**4137**	**62.89**		
	Albert Joseph Fernandez	UDP (S)				1259	30.43%
	Orlando "Landy" Habet	**PUP**				**2813**	**68.00%**
		rejected				65	1.57%
Belmopan			**10381**	**6190**	**59.63**		
	Ralston Edward "Fraze" Frazer	UDP(S)				215	3.47%
	Oscar Mira	**PUP**				**4009**	**64.77%**
	John Birchman Saldivar	UDP (T)				1789	28.90%
		rejected				177	2.86%
Dangriga			**6213**	**2925**	**47.08**		
	Cyril Uruwei Garcia	IND				628	21.47%
	Louis "Dr. Zab" Zabaneh	**PUP**				**2237**	**76.48%**
		rejected				60	2.05%
			10597	**5393**	**50.89**		

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Dangriga							
	Cyril Uruwei Garcia	IND				628	21.47%
	Louis "Dr. Zab" Zabaneh	**PUP**				**2237**	**76.48%**
		rejected				60	2.05%
Stann Creek West			**10597**	**5393**	**50.89**		
	Macario Augustine Jr.	UPD (S)				171	3.17%
	Rodwell Stephen "Rado" Ferguson Sr.	**PUP**				**3907**	**72.45%**
	Mateo Tomas Polanco	IND				24	0.45%
	Domingo Francis Valerio	BJM				46	0.85%
	Ivan "Junie" Williams	UDP (T)				1159	21.49%
		rejected				86	1.59%
Toledo East			**8554**	**5537**	**64.73**		
	William Anthony "Wil" Maheia	PNP				384	6.94%
	Osmond Reynaldo Martinez	**PUP**				**5032**	**90.88%**
	Orlando Albert "Landy" Muschamp	IND				37	0.67%
		rejected				84	1.52%
Toledo West			**7804**	**5385**	**69.00**		
	Oscar Ruben Requena	**PUP**				**3809**	**70.73%**
	Alfonso Sanchez Jr	UDP (S)				1523	28.28%
		rejected				53	0.98%

SUMMARY	
Total Registered Electors	197018
Total Votes Cast	128002
Total Votes for PUP	85096
Total Votes for UDP (S)	23739
Total Votes for UDP (T)	13237
Total Votes for UDP (None)	352
Total Votes for BJM	445
Total Votes for GODP	26
Total Votes for INDP	1849
Total Votes for PDM	115
Total Votes for PNP	440
Total Ballots rejected	2703

Government of Belize
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit
Office of the Prime Minister

Terms of Reference
Technical Officer II

The Prime Minister has established the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP) within the Office of the Prime Minister with the principal objective to ensure that the Government of Belize (GoB) meets all commitments outlined in the Blue Loan Agreement (BLA) and Conservation Funding Agreement (CFA) in collaboration with the Belize Blue Investment Company and The Nature Conservancy. The Unit is also charged with pursuing an innovative new financing model: Finance Permanence (FP) along with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to further assist Belize in meeting and sustaining their Nationally Determine Contributions (NDCs) and Conservation goals.

The Unit is headed by the CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister and led by a Director. The CEO as the Blue Bond Coordinator is authorized in accordance with applicable procedures to employ or engage appropriate personnel to provide requisite support for the fulfillment of obligations under the BLA, CFA and the successful design of FP for Belize.

The Technical Officer II will be directly responsible for:
a) contributing to the successful implementation of the unit's activities.
b) supporting the adaptive management process within the BBFP Unit.
c) supporting the coordination of the activities for the successful implementation of the Blue Bonds and development of Belize's finance permanence
d) Assist with the development, monitoring and evaluation of Conservation Milestones and other initiatives supporting national priorities.
e) Assist in coordinating the communication of progress, results, challenges, successes and lessons learnt through reports, presentations, web-based initiatives and other media.
f) Assist in the reporting on BBFP Unit's work for the annual implementation review.

Specific Responsibilities:
- Assist with the coordination of Government agencies and other key stakeholders for the development of the Marine Spatial Plan, the Blue Carbon Development and the Natural Capital Accounting frameworks ensuring the sustainable management and conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems.
- Liaise with the technical staff within key Government agencies and partner agencies to collect information on the implementation of activities and programs for the delivery of the Marine Spatial Plan, the Blue Carbon Development and the Natural Capital Accounting frameworks.
- Support the Senior Technical Officer and Director in the implementation of the BBFP Unit's workplan and objectives including the development of stage plans and designing of effective work packages to facilitate effective execution and successful implementation of workplans; overseeing the day-to-day program implementation and management of activities; preparation of quarterly reports, end of stage reports, update issue/risk logs, highlight reports, exception reports of the Unit's progress and issues.
- Direct technical support and coordination of all activities under the Unit with particular attention to those related to Marine Spatial Planning, Blue Carbon Development and Natural Capital Accounting.
- Build positive relationships with the key stakeholders in alignment with the Communication Strategy increasing their knowledge of the BLA and CFA obligations and Belize's FP ensuring the integration of the Marine Spatial Plan, Blue Carbon Development and Natural Capital Accounting frameworks are aligned with other national policies and initiatives.
- Assistance and participation in all engagements with government agencies to integrate the delivery of the Milestones and conservation targets in their planning and decision-making.
- Contribute to the reports and workplans of the Unit
- Other relevant duties, as may be assigned by the Senior Technical Officer and Director of the Unit in the implementation of its objectives and activities.

Qualifications / Requirements:
- Minimum of a bachelor's degree in fields related to natural resource management, environmental science or any other related fields.
- At least two years of practical experience in experience in marine spatial planning, ecosystem- based management, and/or natural resource management, with a focus on marine and coastal ecosystems.
- Experience in GIS, remote sensing, and spatial data analysis.
- Experience working on multi-stakeholder projects, with a demonstrated ability to engage government, local communities, and private sector stakeholders. Excellent inter-personal communication skills.
- Fluency in written and spoken English is indispensable, with excellent oral communication and presentation skills.
- Ability and willingness to undertake extensive local travel.
- Sound computer skills in word processing, spread sheets and internet applications.

Core Competencies:
- Be task orientated with proven ability to prioritize projects, multitask and meet deadlines.
- Show proven ability to work within a team environment, as well as strong self-motivation and initiative.
- Have strong report writing skills and the ability to analyze and interpret data in a concise and clear manner.
- Be detail orientated, with sound decision making and objectivity.
- Possess solid computer skills including Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Excel and Word). Working knowledge of Microsoft would be an asset.

Supervision

The Technical Officer II will report directly to the Director of the BBFP.

Duty Station: Belize City

Payment Arrangements- The salary of the contract commensurate with experience and qualifications.

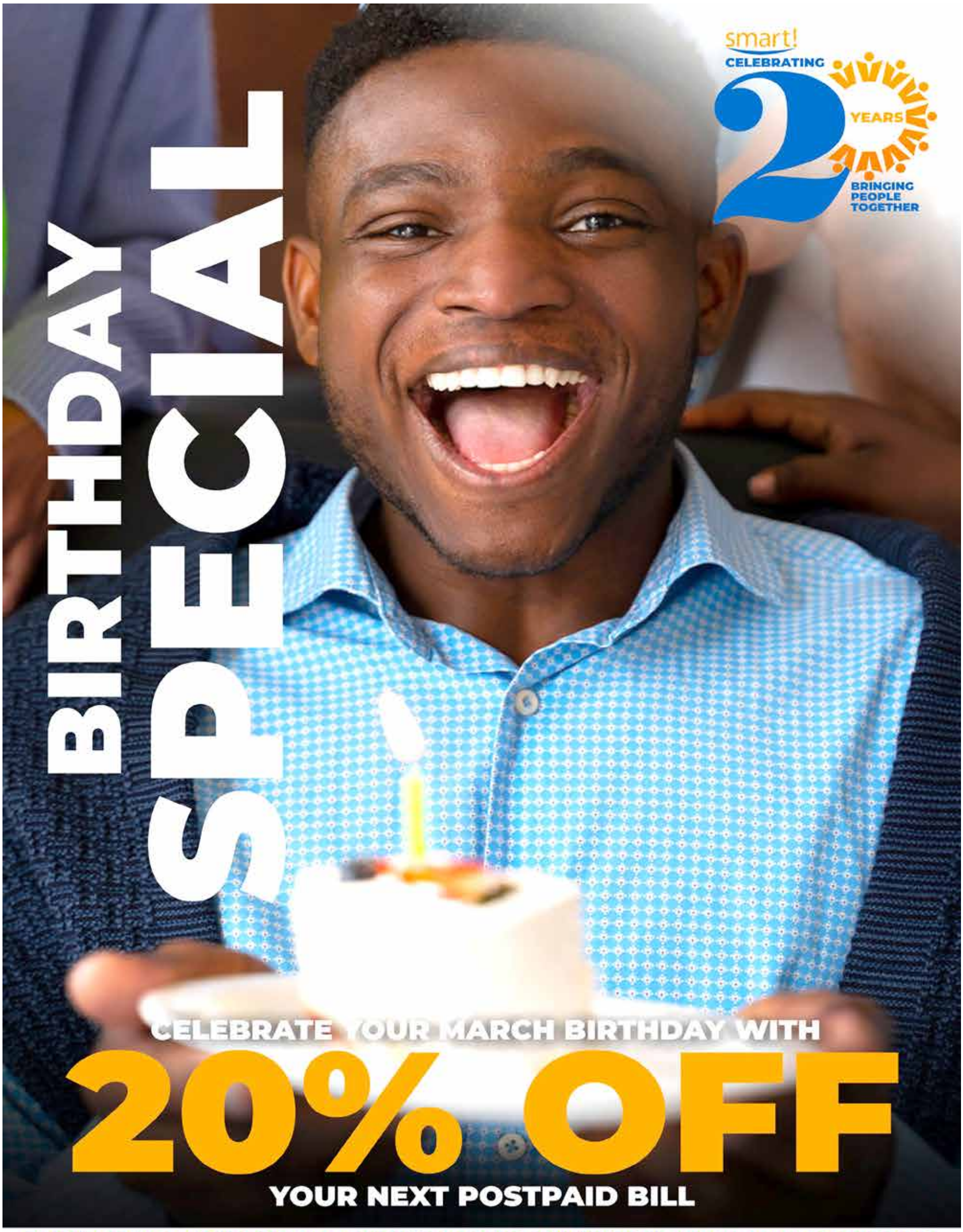
Estimated Starting Date and Duration

Start date will be effective at contract signature. A contract will be renewed biannually based on an assessment of performance and requires full-time commitment.

Those interested in filling the vacancy for the position of Technical Officer II should send an Expression of Interest and CV along with three references to email: pm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz or printed to the following address by **Friday, 14th March 2025 no later than 4:00 p.m**.

3rd Floor, Eleanor Hall Building
Lake Independence Boulevard
Belize City

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Those shortlisted will be invited to an interview with the Committee. Due diligence will be done to validate the information included in the CV or the information provided during the interviews.



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